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SUBJECT: LABOR-COMMUNIST LABOR CHIEF CALLS FOR PROPORTIONAL
REPRESENTATION ON THE CCU

1. THE EDIFICE OF LABOR UNITY, NONE TOO STEADY AT PRESENT,
HAS BEEN DEALT A RUDE SHOCK FROM AN UNEXPECTED QUARTER. CGIL
SECRETARY GENERAL LAMA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT, IN ORDER TO RENDER
THE TRI-CONFEDERAL CCU "MORE FUNCTIONAL," REPRESENTATION IN
CCU COUNCILS SHOULD BE ON A PROPORTIONAL BASIS. ONLY IF
THE THREE CONFEDERATIONS CAN DECIDE NOW, " ONCE AND FOR ALL TO
EFFECT ORGANIC UNITY BY THE BEGINNING OF 1977," OULD LAMA
FOREGO THE REQUIREMENT FOR PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

2. COMMENT: IT DOES NOT REQUIRE MUCH FIGURING TO CONCLUDE
THAT PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION EQUALS COMMUNIST
CONTROL: THE CGIL HAS MORE MEMBERS THAN THE CISL AND UIL COM-
BINED. SUCH A CHANGE WOULD BE A PARTICULAR BLOW TO THE UIL
WHICH HAS BASKED IN THE INFLATED GLORY OF HAVING EQUAL
REPRESENTATION IN ALL CCU COUNCILS: THE UIL HAS NO MORE
THAN 800,000 MEMBERS VS. AN ESTIMATED 3.3 MILLION IN CGIL

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AND 2.2 MILLION IN CISL.

3. LAMA'S REPRIEVE FOR INSTITUTING PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION IS UNDERSTANDABLE SINCE ORAGANIC UNITY ("BY THE BEGINNING OF 1977," WHICH NO DOUBT SOUNDS MORE DISTANT THAN THE END OF 1976) WOULD ESTABLISH COMMUNIST CONTROL DIFINITIVELY.

4. CISL APOLOGISTS FOR LABOR UNITY HAVE TRIED TO SHRUG OFF LAMA'S PROPOSAL BY PRETENDING THAT WHAT HE MEANS IS A MAXIMUM 45 PCT REPRESENTATION FOR CGIL. THEY HAVE NO GOOD RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION AS TO WHY CHANGE THE PRESENT FORMULA IF NOT TO ACHIEVE MAJORITY CONTROL. VOLPE

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